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To: State Directors and Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning
From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation
Subject: Site Visit Possibilities

Now that the House and Senate have negotiated a compromise, it appears that the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (H.R. 1904) will soon become law. In preparation, the Department would like a list of projects Department officials can visit during the first week of December to highlight the importance of this legislation. We have been asked to submit a minimum of eight projects to the Department by next Tuesday, November 25, 2003.

Please submit projects that may benefit from the legislation, which limits NEPA analysis and challenges, and streamlines judicial review (<http://www.theorator.com/bills108/hr1904.html>). With the understanding that it may be too soon to tell what projects may be aided by this legislation, the Department has asked us to nominate fuel and healthy forest restoration projects which mitigate risks to communities, and/or promote biomass utilization. Projects can be in the planning stages.

Please provide a brief write-up including project description, progress, partners, location, and transportation requirements and timeframes for a Department level site visit. If you have a good project but visiting the site is not advisable in December, consider another option such as a meeting with partners in which the work could be highlighted.

Please send your submissions to Ted Milesnick by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 25.

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